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SUBJ: CIVAIR: PAA CONNECTING FLIGHTS LONDON-AMSTERDAM-BERLIN

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SUMMARY: DILLARD OF PAA-AMSTERDAM TODAY INFORMED US OF PAA PLAN TO CHANGE GUAGE IN LONDON ON EASTBOUND FLIGHT CONTINUING TO AMSTERDAM THROUGH USE OF 727 ALREADY ON DAILY FLIGHT FROM BERLIN TO AMSTERDAM. PURPOSE IS TO SAVE FUEL AND THERE WOULD BE NO CHANGE IN SERVICES OFFERED TO PASSENGERS. WE HAVE ADVISED PAA TO CLEAR WITH DUTCH CIVILAIR IN LOW KEY. END SUMMARY.

1. PAA 54 DAILY FLIGHT FROM BOSTON WITH 707 AIRCRAFT PRESENTLY LANDS AT LONDON AND CONTINUES TO AMSTERDAM. MEANWHILE FLIGHT 625 IS OPERATED FROM BERLIN TO AMSTERDAM WITH 727 AIRCRAFT AS TURNAROUND SERVICE, AND BOTH AIRCRAFT ARE ON GROUND AT SAME TIME IN AMSTERDAM. CONNECTIONS IN BOTH DIRECTIONS ARE THUS SUPPLIED TO THROUGH PASSENGERS, FLIGHT 55 RETURNING TO LONDON AND BOSTON AND 624 TO BERLIN.

2. TO REDUCE FUEL CONSUMPTION PAA NOW WISHES TO EXTEND 727 FLIGHT TO LONDON AND RETURN, REPLACING 707 FLIGHT FROM LONDON TO

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AMSTERDAM. 707 WOULD REMAIN ON GROUND BETWEEN TRANSATLANTIC

FLIGHTS. 727 FLIGHT FROM AMSTERDAM TO LONDON WOULD CARRY FLIGHT NUMBER 55 AND 54 ON RETURN. SEPARATING IT FROM BERLIN FLIGHT AND CONSTITUTING CHANGE OF GAUGE IN LONDON. SAME SERVICES WOULD BE OFFERED TO PASSENGERS AS AT PRESENT WITH SLIGHT CHANGE IN TIMING.

3. IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRY HOW BEST TO HANDLE MATTER WITH DUTCH AUTHORITIES, WE SUGGESTED TO DILLARD THAT PAA (A) COMMUNICATE PLANS TO CIVILAIR ON ROUTINE BASIS THROUGH CHANNEL NORMALLY USED IN HANDLING SCHEDULED SERVICE MATTERS; (B) POINT OUT THAT NO CHANGE IN SERVICE IS INVOLVED; AND (C) STRESS SAVING OF FUEL. WE CONSIDERED IT IMPROBABLE THAT ANY OBJECTION WOULD BE RAISED UNDER PRESENT CONDITION OF IMMINENT FUEL SHORTAGE BUT UNDERTOOK TO CONSIDER FURTHER STEPS IF DIFFICULTY IS ENCOUNTERED.

4. WILL REPORT DEVELOPMENTS.
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